

JS 44 (Rev. 06/17)

## CIVIL COVER SHEET

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**I. (a) PLAINTIFF**  
Robin Anderson

**(b) County of Residence of First Listed Plaintiff** Burlington County, NJ  
(EXCEPT IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES)

**(c) Attorneys (Firm Name, Address, and Telephone Number)**

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## DEFENDANTS

Independence Parking, LLC

County of Residence of First Listed Defendant  
(IN U.S. PLAINTIFF CASES ONLY)

NOTE: IN LAND CONDEMNATION CASES, USE THE LOCATION OF THE TRACT OF LAND INVOLVED.

Attorneys (If Known)

## II. BASIS OF JURISDICTION (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☐ 1 U.S. Government Plaintiff  
☒ 3 Federal Question (U.S. Government Not a Party)  
☐ 2 U.S. Government Defendant  
☐ 4 Diversity (Indicate Citizenship of Parties in Item III)

## III. CITIZENSHIP OF PRINCIPAL PARTIES (Place an "X" in One Box for Plaintiff and One Box for Defendant)

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## IV. NATURE OF SUIT (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

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## V. ORIGIN (Place an "X" in One Box Only)

- ☒ 1 Original Proceeding  
☐ 2 Removed from State Court  
☐ 3 Remanded from Appellate Court  
☐ 4 Reinstated or Reopened  
☐ 5 Transferred from Another District (specify)  
☐ 6 Multidistrict Litigation - Transfer  
☐ 8 Multidistrict Litigation - Direct File

## VI. CAUSE OF ACTION

Cite the U.S. Civil Statute under which you are filing (Do not cite jurisdictional statutes unless diversity):

42 U.S.C. 12101, et seq. Americans with Disabilities Act

Brief description of cause:

Title III Public Accommodation Discrimination

## VII. REQUESTED IN COMPLAINT:

☐ CHECK IF THIS IS A CLASS ACTION UNDER RULE 23, F.R.Cv.P.

DEMAND \$

CHECK YES only if demanded in complaint:

JURY DEMAND: ☐ Yes ☒ No

## VIII. RELATED CASE(S) IF ANY

(See instructions):

JUDGE

DOCKET NUMBER

DATE

SIGNATURE OF ATTORNEY OF RECORD

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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

**FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA — DESIGNATION FORM** to be used by counsel to indicate the category of the case for the purpose of assignment to appropriate calendar.

Address of Plaintiff: 14 Medallion Lane Willingboro, NJ 08046

Address of Defendant: 39 North 2nd Street Philadelphia PA 19106

Place of Accident, Incident or Transaction: 39 North 2nd Street Philadelphia PA 19106  
(Use Reverse Side For Additional Space)

Does this civil action involve a nongovernmental corporate party with any parent corporation and any publicly held corporation owning 10% or more of its stock?

(Attach two copies of the Disclosure Statement Form in accordance with Fed.R.Civ.P. 7.1(a))

Yes ☐ No ☒

Does this case involve multidistrict litigation possibilities?

Yes ☐ No ☒

RELATED CASE, IF ANY:

Case Number: \_\_\_\_\_ Judge \_\_\_\_\_ Date Terminated: \_\_\_\_\_

Civil cases are deemed related when yes is answered to any of the following questions:

1. Is this case related to property included in an earlier numbered suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?  
Yes ☐ No ☒
2. Does this case involve the same issue of fact or grow out of the same transaction as a prior suit pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?  
Yes ☐ No ☒
3. Does this case involve the validity or infringement of a patent already in suit or any earlier numbered case pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court?  
Yes ☐ No ☒
4. Is this case a second or successive habeas corpus, social security appeal, or pro se civil rights case filed by the same individual?  
Yes ☐ No ☒

CIVIL: (Place ☒ in ONE CATEGORY ONLY)

A. Federal Question Cases:

1. ☐ Indemnity Contract, Marine Contract, and All Other Contracts
2. ☐ FELA
3. ☐ Jones Act-Personal Injury
4. ☐ Antitrust
5. ☐ Patent
6. ☐ Labor-Management Relations
7. ☐ Civil Rights
8. ☐ Habeas Corpus
9. ☐ Securities Act(s) Cases
10. ☐ Social Security Review Cases
11. ☒ All other Federal Question Cases  
(Please specify) Americans with Disabilities Act

B. Diversity Jurisdiction Cases:

1. ☐ Insurance Contract and Other Contracts
2. ☐ Airplane Personal Injury
3. ☐ Assault, Defamation
4. ☐ Marine Personal Injury
5. ☐ Motor Vehicle Personal Injury
6. ☐ Other Personal Injury (Please specify)
7. ☐ Products Liability
8. ☐ Products Liability — Asbestos
9. ☐ All other Diversity Cases

(Please specify) \_\_\_\_\_

ARBITRATION CERTIFICATION

(Check Appropriate Category)

- I, Franklin J. Nicks Jr., counsel of record do hereby certify:
- ☐ Pursuant to Local Civil Rule 53.2, Section 3(c)(2), that to the best of my knowledge and belief, the damages recoverable in this civil action case exceed the sum of \$50,000.00 exclusive of interest and costs;
- ☒ Relief other than monetary damages is sought.

DATE: 7-11-17

Attorney-at-Law

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Attorney I.D.#

NOTE: A trial de novo will be a trial by jury only if there has been compliance with F.R.C.P. 38.

I certify that, to my knowledge, the within case is not related to any case now pending or within one year previously terminated action in this court except as noted above.

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**CASE MANAGEMENT TRACK DESIGNATION FORM**

Robin Anderson : **17** CIVIL ACTION  
v. : **3084**  
Independence Parking LLC :  
NO.

In accordance with the Civil Justice Expense and Delay Reduction Plan of this court, counsel for plaintiff shall complete a Case Management Track Designation Form in all civil cases at the time of filing the complaint and serve a copy on all defendants. (See § 1:03 of the plan set forth on the reverse side of this form.) In the event that a defendant does not agree with the plaintiff regarding said designation, that defendant shall, with its first appearance, submit to the clerk of court and serve on the plaintiff and all other parties, a Case Management Track Designation Form specifying the track to which that defendant believes the case should be assigned.

**SELECT ONE OF THE FOLLOWING CASE MANAGEMENT TRACKS:**

- (a) Habeas Corpus – Cases brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241 through § 2255. ( )
- (b) Social Security – Cases requesting review of a decision of the Secretary of Health and Human Services denying plaintiff Social Security Benefits. ( )
- (c) Arbitration – Cases required to be designated for arbitration under Local Civil Rule 53.2. ( )
- (d) Asbestos – Cases involving claims for personal injury or property damage from exposure to asbestos. ( )
- (e) Special Management – Cases that do not fall into tracks (a) through (d) that are commonly referred to as complex and that need special or intense management by the court. (See reverse side of this form for a detailed explanation of special management cases.)
- (f) Standard Management – Cases that do not fall into any one of the other tracks. (X)

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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

**ROBIN ANDERSON**

: No.

Plaintiff,

v.

**INDEPENDENCE PARKING, LLC**

**COMPLAINT**

Defendant :

**17 3084**

**PRELIMINARY STATEMENT**

Robin Anderson (the "Plaintiff"), by and through his counsel, brings this lawsuit against Independence Parking, LLC seeking all available relief under the Americans with Disabilities Act for the failure to comply with the Act's accessibility requirements. Plaintiff is seeking injunctive relief requiring the Defendant to remove the accessibility barriers which exists at its parking facility. The allegations contained herein are based on personal experience of the Plaintiff.

### **I. JURISDICTION**

1. This action is brought pursuant to the Americans with Disabilities Act of 1990 (“ADA”), 42 U.S.C. § 12101 *et seq.*
2. This civil controversy arises under the laws of the United States, and jurisdiction in conferred upon this District Court, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1331.

### **II. VENUE**

3. All actions complained of herein took place within the jurisdiction of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of Pennsylvania.
4. Venue is proper in this judicial District as provided by 28 U.S.C. §1391(b).

### **III. PARTIES**

5. Plaintiff is a 54 year-old adult female who currently resides in Burlington County, New Jersey.
6. Plaintiff is a disabled individual.
7. Independence Parking, LLC (the “Defendant”) is a domestic limited liability company registered with the Pennsylvania Department of State under entity identification number 3880395.
8. The Defendant has a registered business address of 310 York Avenue, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106.

### **IV. STATEMENT OF FACTS**

#### **The Parking Facility**

9. The Defendant operates a public parking lot located at 39 North 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106 (the “Parking Facility”).

10. For a fee, an individual can park a vehicle in the Parking Facility at the prevailing market rates.
11. The Parking Facility has approximately thirty (30) parking spaces. (**See Exhibit A**)
12. The Parking Facility does not have any handicap-accessible parking spaces for cars.
13. The Parking Facility does not have any handicap-accessible parking spaces for vans.
14. There are no parking spaces which contain any handicap-accessible access aisles for a car.
15. There are no parking spaces which contain any handicap-accessible access aisles for a van.
16. None of the parking spaces have any handicap-accessibility signs designating the parking spaces as being handicap accessible.

*The Plaintiff*

17. The Plaintiff is a disabled individual within the meaning of the ADA.
18. The Plaintiff has difficulty walking.
19. The Plaintiff possesses a handicapped parking placard issued by the State of New Jersey.
20. The Plaintiff's handicapped parking placard permits her to park her vehicle in spaces designated as being handicap-accessible.
21. When the Plaintiff travels to Philadelphia, she is often unable to find parking on the streets.
22. Plaintiff parks in a parking garage or parking lot when on-street parking is not available.
23. The Plaintiff is deterred from patronizing the Parking Facility because of its' lack of usable handicap-accessible parking places.



**THE AMERICANS WITH DISABILITIES ACT**

24. Congress enacted the Americans with Disabilities Act (“ADA”) in 1990 with the purpose of providing “[a] clear and comprehensive national mandate for the elimination of discrimination against individuals with disabilities” and “[c]lear, strong, consistent, enforceable standards addressing discrimination against individuals with disabilities.” 42 U.S.C. § 12101(b).
25. The ADA provides a private right of action for injunctive relief to “any person who is being subject to discrimination on the basis of disability.” 42 U.S.C. § 12188(a)(1).
26. Under the ADA, a disability is defined as “(A) a physical or mental impairment that substantially limits one or more major life activities of such individual; (B) a record of such an impairment; or (C) being regarded as having such an impairment.” 42 U.S.C. § 12102(1).
27. Title III of the ADA provides that “[n]o individual shall be discriminated against on the basis of disability in the full and equal enjoyment of the goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages, or accommodations of any place of public accommodation by any person who owns, leases (or leases to), or operates a place of public accommodation.” 42 U.S.C. § 12182.
28. “It shall be discriminatory to afford an individual or class of individuals, on the basis of a disability or disabilities of such individual or class, directly, or through contractual, licensing, or other arrangements with the opportunity to participate in or benefit from a good, service, facility, privilege, advantage, or accommodation that is not equal to that afforded to other individuals.” 42 U.S.C. § 12182(b)(1)(A)(ii).

29. “Public accommodations” are private entities whose operations affect commerce. See 42 U.S.C. § 12181(7).
30. In relevant part, Title III requires that the facilities of a public accommodation be “readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities, except where an entity can demonstrate that it is structurally impracticable.” 42 U.S.C. § 12183(a)(1).
31. Discrimination under the ADA includes the failure to remove architectural barriers where such removal is easily achievable. 42 U.S.C. § 12182(b)(2)(A)(iv).
32. “Readily achievable” means easily accomplishable and able to be carried out without much difficulty or expense. 28 C.F.R. § 36.104.
33. Under Title III, places of public accommodation and commercial facilities that are newly constructed for occupancy beginning after January 26, 1992, must be “readily accessible to and usable by” individuals with disabilities. 28 C.F.R. § 36.401(a) (1).
34. “Facility” means all or any portion of buildings, structures, sites, complexes, equipment, rolling stock or other conveyances, roads, walks, passageways, parking lots, or other real or personal property, including the site where the building, property, structure, or equipment is located. 28 C.F.R. § 35.104.
35. Existing facilities whose construction predates January 26, 1992, must meet the lesser “barrier removal standard,” which requires the removal of barriers wherever it is “easily accomplishable and able to be done without undue burden or expense.” 28 C.F.R. § 36.304(a).
36. March 15, 2012 was the compliance date for using the 2010 ADA Standards for program accessibility and barrier removal.<sup>1</sup>

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<sup>1</sup> [https://www.ada.gov/2010ADASTandards\\_index.htm](https://www.ada.gov/2010ADASTandards_index.htm)



37. Discrimination, for purposes of a public accommodation, includes “[a] failure to design and construct facilities for first occupancy later than 30 months after July 26, 1990, that are readily accessible to and usable by individuals with disabilities” except where an entity can demonstrate that it is structurally impracticable to meet the requirements set forth by the ADA. 42 U.S.C. § 12183.

38. Under the ADA, businesses or privately-owned facilities that provide goods or services to the public have a continuing obligation to remove accessibility barriers in existing parking lots when it is readily achievable to do so.

39. The restriping/repainting of the parking space borders is relatively inexpensive, and should be readily achievable and easily accomplishable.

Accessible Parking under the ADA

40. The 1991 implementing rules and the 2010 revisions to the ADA set forth the following requirements for handicap-accessible parking spaces:<sup>2</sup>

Total Number of Parking Spaces Provided in Parking Facility	Minimum Number of Required Accessible Parking Spaces
1 to 25	1
26 to 50	2
51 to 75	3
76 to 100	4
101 to 150	5
151 to 200	6
201 to 300	7
301 to 400	8
401 to 500	9
501 to 1000	2% of the total number of parking spaces
More than 1001	20, plus 1 for each 100 parking spaces over 1000

<sup>2</sup> <https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADAStandards/2010ADASTandards.htm#pgfId-1010282>

41. The ADA requires that handicap-accessible parking spaces be at least 96 (ninety-six) inches wide. See Appendix A to Part 36- Standards for Accessible Design, 28 C.F.R. Part 36.<sup>3</sup>
42. The width of a parking space is measured from the center of each parking line bordering the parking space.<sup>4</sup> (**See Exhibit B**)
43. For cars, the ADA requires that there be an access isle for the handicap-accessible parking space that is at least 60 (sixty) inches wide. (**See Exhibit B**)
44. For vans, the ADA requires that there be an access aisle for the handicap-accessible parking space that is at least 96 (ninety-six) inches wide.<sup>5</sup>
45. The 2010 ADA regulations state that one in every six accessible spaces must be van accessible.<sup>6</sup>
46. The path a person with a disability takes to enter and move through a facility is called an "accessible route."<sup>7</sup>

Accessible Routes under the ADA

47. Exterior accessible routes may include parking access aisles, curb ramps, crosswalks at vehicular ways, walks, ramps, and lifts.<sup>8</sup>
48. This route, which must be at least three feet wide, must remain accessible and not be blocked.<sup>9</sup>

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<sup>3</sup> <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/ada-standards/chapter-5-general-site-and-building-elements>

<sup>4</sup> Id.

<sup>5</sup> <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/guide-to-the-ada-standards/chapter-5-parking#van>

<sup>6</sup> [https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleIII\\_2010/reg3\\_2010\\_appendix\\_b.htm](https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleIII_2010/reg3_2010_appendix_b.htm)

<sup>7</sup> [http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleII\\_2010/title\\_ii\\_primer.html](http://www.ada.gov/regs2010/titleII_2010/title_ii_primer.html)

<sup>8</sup> <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/background/adaag#3>. MISCELLANEOUS

<sup>9</sup> Id.

49. In parking facilities that do not serve a particular building, accessible parking shall be located on the shortest accessible route of travel to an accessible pedestrian entrance of the parking facility.<sup>10</sup>
50. Accessible routes must connect parking spaces to accessible entrances.<sup>11</sup>
51. ADA Guidance Standards provide that “[a] “path of travel” includes a continuous, unobstructed way of pedestrian passage by means of which the altered area may be approached, entered, and exited, and which connects the altered area with an exterior approach (including sidewalks, streets, and parking areas), an entrance to the facility, and other parts of the facility.”<sup>12</sup>
52. “An accessible path of travel may consist of walks and sidewalks, curb ramps and other interior or exterior pedestrian ramps; clear floor paths through lobbies, corridors, rooms, and other improved areas; parking access aisles; elevators and lifts; or a combination of these elements.”<sup>13</sup>

Signage and the ADA

53. The ADA standards require the use of the International Symbol of Accessibility (ISA) to identify parking spaces which are reserved for use by individuals with disabilities.<sup>14</sup>
- (See Exhibit C)**
54. Handicap-accessible parking spaces must be designed as “reserved” by a showing the ISA.

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<sup>10</sup> <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/background/adaag#4.3>

<sup>11</sup> <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/ada-standards/chapter-5-general-site-and-building-elements>

<sup>12</sup> <https://www.ada.gov/regs2010/2010ADAStandards/2010ADAstandards.htm#curbramps>

<sup>13</sup> Id.

<sup>14</sup> <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/background/adaag#4.1>

55. Directional signage must be used at inaccessible entrances to provide directions to the nearest accessible route.
56. Parking space identification signs shall be 60 (sixty) inches minimum above the finish floor or ground surface measured to the bottom of the sign.<sup>15</sup>

**COUNT I –**

**FAILURE TO PROVIDE THE PROPER NUMBER OF HANDICAP-  
ACCESSIBLE PARKING SPACES**

57. All preceding paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.
58. The United States Supreme Court recognized the term “major life activities” includes walking. Bragdon v. Abbott, 524 U.S. 624, 638–39 (1998).
59. The Plaintiff is a disabled individual within the meaning of the ADA.
60. The major life activity that the constitutes the Plaintiff’s disability is her difficulty walking distances.
61. The Defendant failed to provide any parking spaces that were labeled as “handicap accessible” at the Parking Facility.
62. The Defendant failed to provide any parking spaces which had a sixty (60) inch wide adjacent access aisle.
63. The Defendant failed to provide any handicap accessible parking spaces for vans with an accompanying 96-inch wide adjacent access aisle.

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<sup>15</sup> <https://www.access-board.gov/guidelines-and-standards/buildings-and-sites/about-the-ada-standards/ada-standards/chapter-5-general-site-and-building-elements>

64. The Parking Facility's failure to provide more than handicap-accessible parking spaces has created an accessibility barrier for the Plaintiff, and other similarly situated disabled individuals.
65. The Defendant is responsible for ensuring the Parking Facility's compliance with the ADA.
66. The Defendant can remedy its non-compliance with the ADA's parking requirements by designating available non-handicap-accessible spaces as handicap-accessible space for a car.
67. The Defendant can remedy its non-compliance with the ADA's parking requirements by designating non-handicap-accessible spaces as handicap-accessible space for a van.
68. Compliance with the handicap parking space requirements at the Parking Facility is readily achievable.
69. The Defendant's failure to comply with the ADA has denied the Plaintiff the full and equal enjoyment of the parking offered by the Parking Facility.
70. The Defendant has discriminated against the Plaintiff by their failure to comply with the ADA.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, seeks to injunctive relief to require the Defendant to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with costs and mandatory attorneys' fees under as provided by 42 U.S.C. § 12005, and such other legal and equitable relief from Defendant as the Court deems just and proper.

**COUNT II -**

**FAILURE TO COMPLY WITH THE SIGNAGE & ACCESS REQUIREMENTS  
UNDER THE ADA**

71. All of the preceding paragraphs are hereby incorporated by reference as if fully set forth herein.

72. The Parking Facility does not have any handicap-accessible parking signs.

73. The Parking Facility does not have any van-accessible handicap-accessible parking signs.

74. The Parking Facility does not have any marked accessible routes.

75. The Defendant can remedy its non-compliance by reallocating existing parking spaces and painting border lines which conform to the dimensional requirements of the ADA for handicap-accessible parking spaces and access aisles.

76. The Defendant's failure to comply with the ADA handicap-accessible parking requirements has denied the Plaintiff the full and equal enjoyment of parking offered by the Parking Facility.

77. The Defendant has discriminated against the Plaintiff by their failure to comply with the ADA handicap-accessible parking requirements.

WHEREFORE, Plaintiff, seeks to injunctive relief to require the Defendant to comply with the Americans with Disabilities Act, together with costs and mandatory attorneys' fees under as provided by 42 U.S.C. § 12005, and such other legal and equitable relief from Defendant as the Court deems just and proper.



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Dated: July 11, 2017

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I, Franklin J. Rooks Jr., certify that I served Plaintiff's Complaint via the Court's ECF system.

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**EXHIBIT A**



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## **EXHIBIT B**

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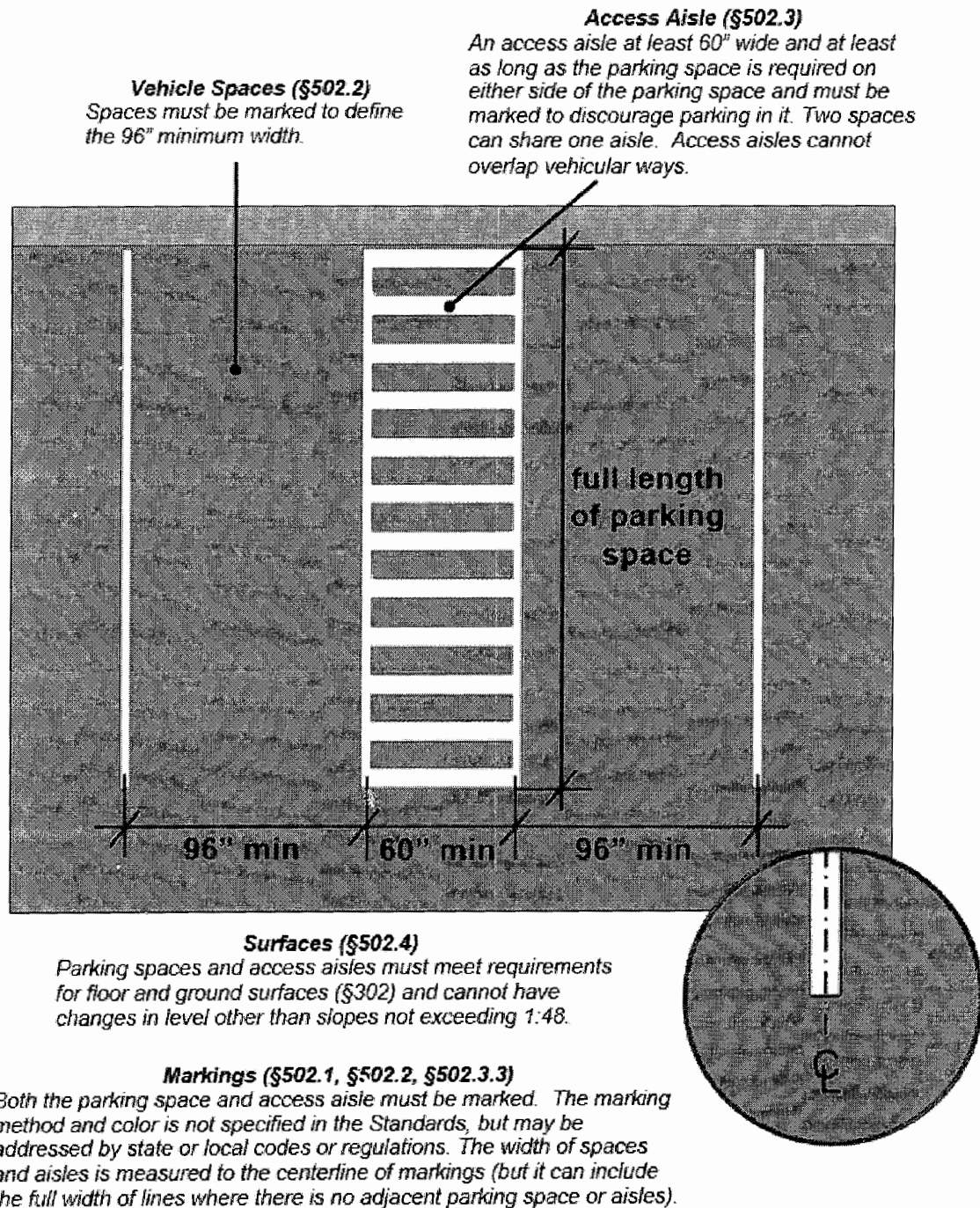
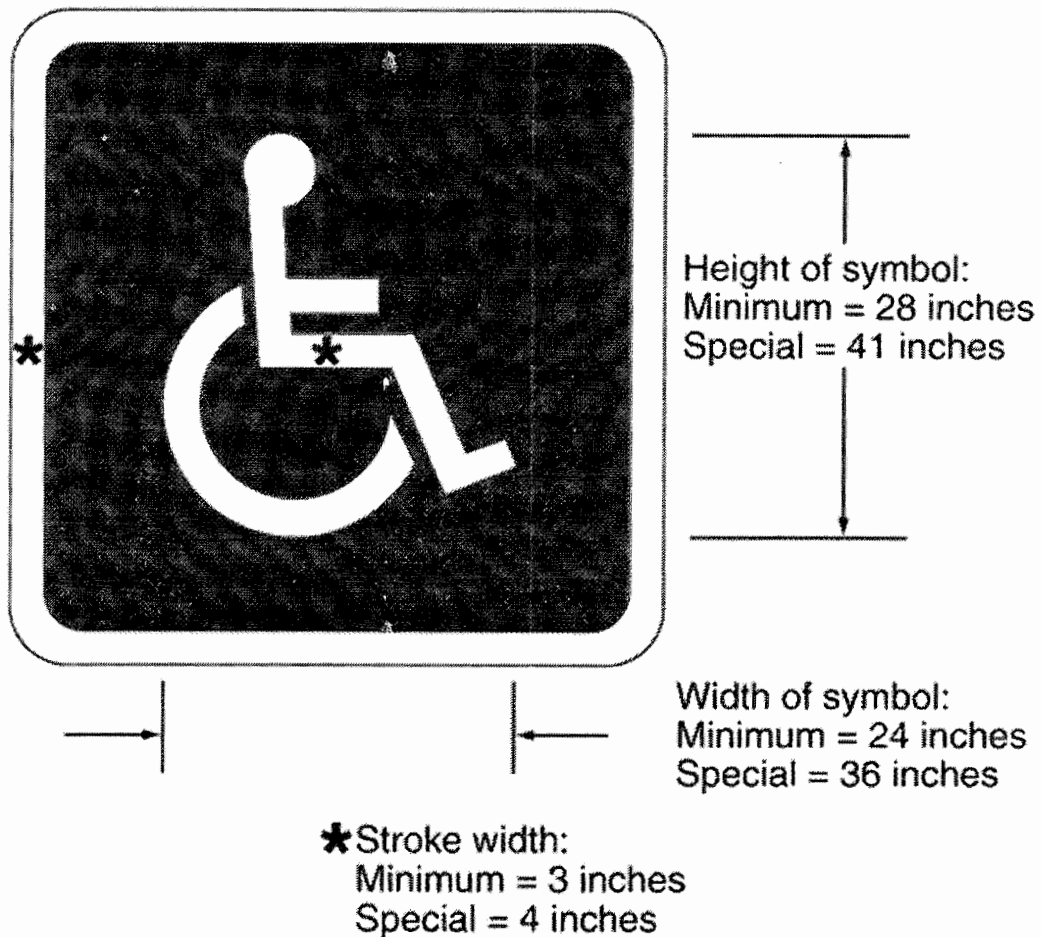


EXHIBIT C

**Figure 3B-22. International Symbol of Accessibility Parking Space Marking**



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